

REMARKS

Claims 1-77 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed January 5, 2005 restricted the claims and rejected Claims 1, 4, 5, 21, 25, 30, 35, 51, and 71 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and rejected Claims 71 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. By way of this Amendment, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 11-20, 39-50, and 55-70 and amends Claim 71. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

ELECTION RESTRICTION

The Office Action stated the finality of an restriction with regard to Group I in a previously identified restriction requirement. Applicant has cancelled Claims 11-20, 39-50, and 55-70 thereby complying with the restriction.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 1, 4, 5, 21, 25, 30, 35, 51, and 71 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 4, and 5 of United States Patent No. 6,516,337.

Applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer, thereby overcoming the above-noted rejection.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 71 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Final Office Action rejected Claim 71 as being anticipated by Maudlin. The Office Action states that in the previous Applicant's arguments, it is noted that the limitation – generating any information at the interconnected computer location prior to transmitting any information back to a cataloging computer – does not appear in newly added Claim 71.

Applicant has amended Claim 71 in order to comply with the previously stated arguments. Therefore, Applicant submits that amended Claim 71 is allowable over the cited reference.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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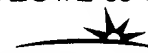
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